

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Elsie Bell Grosvenor, May 28, 1909

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Grosvenor Hotel, Chester. May 28th. 1909. Mrs Gilbert H. Grosvenor. 1328 Eighteenth Street, Washington. Dear Elsie,

You will be glad to know that we are all here at the head-quarters of the Grosvenor family at the Grosvenor Hotel, where you stayed after your wedding. Grandmama is just as well as she can be and seems younger than ever it is rather remarkable that she should enjoy a motor car trip through Wales at the age of eighty years. Mamma is also well and grace blooming.

I am much interested in this place and especially in the antiquities. I spent quite a long time a day or two ago in the Grosvenor Museum looking over the Roman tomb stones some of which are as perfectly preserved as though out yesterday although nearly two thousand years old.

We are waiting here the arrival of Nelson with your Grandmamma's Automobile, when we will start upon a Tour in Cornwall and South England taking Wales later on, on our return to Liverpool. We have taken passage by the Allan Line Steamer Corsican for Quebec leaving Liverpool June 17th. This should take us to Quebec Baddeck somewhere about the first of July and I hope that we may find you and Bert and the children there

I have come accross a Geographical Magazine entitled Travel and Exploration (London: Witherby and Company) a monthly price one shilling. The illustrations are very good and I would reccommend Bert to make an exchange, unless he already has the Magazine on his list. The illustrations are more in the nature of those in the National Geographical Magazine than any I have seen. They publish a Map of the Antarctic regions but

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Wilkes Land hardly shows. I hope the suggested National Geographic Expedition may Materialise. It is certainly about time that America should take steps to verify and extend the discoveries of Wilkes. I forward my copy to Bert.

Your loving father Alexander Graham Bell